AVIATORS NEEDED

Lieutenant-Colonel Bingham, of the Signal Corps, and recruiting officers in Chicago inform us that many more college men are desired for the aviation school. Students can file applications with the War Department direct or with the President of the Examining Board nearby. In the Middle West there are examining stations at Chicago, Minneapolis, Denver, St. Louis, Detroit, Omaha, Fairfield, Cleveland and Indianapolis. Other stations are to be established soon.

Dr. John S. Nollen, of Lake Forest College, President of the Association of American Colleges, is leaving his work abruptly to take up Y. M. C. A. service in France. Business connected with the Association has been turned over to Vice-President Hill M. Bell.

Dr. Kelly, of the Council Headquarters, has recently spoken on phases of Christian education at the national conferences of the Congregational Churches in Columbus, of the Friends at Richmond, Indiana, and the Disciples of Christ at Kansas City. He also addressed the annual meeting of the College Association of Kansas at Topeka.

The Machinery and Program of the Council

The Council is organized to promote the cause of Christian Education. The scope of its work includes,

(1) Institutions connected with the Boards of Education;

(2) Religious work in tax-supported institutions;

(3) Ministerial preparation and supply;

(4) Other activities of the various Boards.

The Council is now carrying on its work through seven departments.

It has faith in the power of propaganda.

Its method is **mass-formation, co-operation.**

I. SURVEY WORK.

Surveys now in process:

(a) **Religious Work in University Centers,** begun at the instigation of Dr. Richard C. Hughes of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

(b) **The Effect of the War on the Colleges.** A partial report has been published in The American College Bulletin. A comprehensive statement will appear in the January number of **Scribner's Magazine.**

(c) **Ministerial Preparation and Supply.** This work was begun independently by the Council, and by Rev. Paul Micou, representing the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Micou has now become college secretary of the Board of Education of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and

the International Committee has turned over to the Council of Church Boards of Education all data in their possession. Both lines of investigation will be brought to a conclusion as a single survey by the Council Survey Department.

(d) **The Nebraska Survey,** begun at the instigation of the Baptist Board North.

II. THE AMERICAN COLLEGE BULLETIN.

Issued bi-weekly during the months of September to June, inclusive. This bulletin affords a convenient and ready method of reporting to the Boards and the institutions the progress of the work of the Council and in general, of the cause of Christian Education.

III. THE CLEARING HOUSE DEPARTMENT.

The Council already has educational information not available elsewhere. It has the machinery for collecting data on all types of questions, great and small. Board Secretaries, College Presidents, Professors, Field Agents, and other officers, as well as Ministers, Students, and others interested in phases of Christian Education, are asking for and are receiving information on a wide range of subjects.

The Department is supplying now extensive data for the educational day program for 17,000 Sunday Schools; at the same time it furnishes material for a graduate thesis in one of the affiliated seminaries. In conjunction with the Board of the Northern Baptist Convention it has elicited the promise of co-operation from such organizations as the American Economic Association, the American Historical Association, the American Sociological Society, in a concerted study of the modifications which will be needed in our institutions of higher learning in order to meet the demand for the new leadership made necessary by the war.

IV. THE AMERICAN COLLEGE BUREAU.

This is a bureau of national scope devoting its attention exclusively to college and university work. Its fundamental purpose is to discover and recommend Christian teachers for college positions. It will serve all classes of institutions and will be conducted in conformity with the best methods and ideals of agency work, as is assured in the fact that Mr. E. E. Olp, for many years the Western Manager of the Fisk Teachers' Agency, has been selected as manager.

V. CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASING.

Careful investigations have been made which demonstrate the soundness and feasibility of co-operative purchasing among colleges. If we cannot present the colleges with $100,000, we can accomplish the same purpose by devising plans for saving $5,000 per annum. A preliminary conference of Purchasing Agents was held at the La Salle Hotel November 15, which will be reported in full in the next issue of the Bulletin. A committee was appointed to formulate definite plans, of which Mr. John C. Dinsmore, Purchasing Agent of the University of Chicago, is Chairman and Dr. Kelly, of the Council, Secretary.

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This Conference has been arranged under the auspices of the Council